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This report contains the results from the 2010 November Ag Yield and Objective Yield Surveys. The data are also posted on our Web site at http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys, and to those cotton and soybean producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

Rice Forecasted Yield Falls Again, Record Rice Production Still Forecasted Corn, Cotton, and Soybean Forecasted Yield Unchanged from October 1 Forecasted Sorghum Yield Down from Last Month

Arkansas corn for grain production is forecast at 57 million bushels, down 6 percent from 2009. Based on conditions as of November 1, yield is expected to average 150 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month's forecast but up 2 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the third highest yield on record. Producers expect to harvest 380,000 acres of corn for grain, down 7 percent from 2009. Arkansas all cotton production is forecast at 1.2 million 480-pound bales, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but up 41 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 1,067 pounds per harvested acre, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but up 249 pounds from last year's yield. Harvested area is estimated at 540,000 acres, up 8 percent from 2009. The 2010 total rice production for the state is forecast at 112 million hundredweight (cwt), down 2 percent from the October 1 forecast but up 13 percent from 2009. If realized, this will be the largest rice production on record. Based on conditions as of November 1, the all rice yield for 2010 is forecast at 6,300 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from the October 1 forecast and down 500 pounds from last year's yield. If realized, this will be the lowest yield since 2000. Producers expect to harvest 1.79 million acres of rice, up 21 percent from 2009. Arkansas sorghum for grain production in 2010 is forecast at 2.63 million bushels, down 3 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 10 percent from a year ago. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 75 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from the October 1 forecast and down 4 bushels per acre from last year. Area for grain harvest, at 35,000 acres, is unchanged from October but down 5 percent from 2009. Soybean production in 2010 for Arkansas is forecast at 110 million bushels, down 11 percent from a year ago. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 35 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month's forecast but down 2.5 bushels from 2009. Area for harvest, at 3.13 million acres, is down 4 percent from 2009.

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2009 and Forecasted November 1, 2010

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	410	380	148	150	60,680	57,000
Cotton, All	1	500	540	818	1,067	852	1,200
Rice, All	2	1,470	1,785	6,800	6,300	99,924	112,455
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	37	35	79	75	2,923	2,625
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	3,270	3,130	37.5	35.0	122,625	109,550
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	79,590	81,263	164.7	154.3	13,110,062	12,539,646
Cotton, All	1	7,528.7	10,773.0	777	821	12,187.5	18,417.8
Rice, All	2	3,103	3,623	7,085	6,669	219,850	241,607
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	5,520	4,658	69.4	72.5	382,983	337,619
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	76,372	76,823	44.0	43.9	3,359,011	3,375,067

¹ Cotton yield is reported in pounds per acre and production is reported in 480 pound bales.

² Rice yield is reported in pounds per acre and production is reported in hundredweight (cwt).

